

Wanderers Attack Lacks Punch

By 'NOVA'

Wycombe Wanderers 0, Windsor & Eton 2

SLOW, panicky and for the most part aimless, Wycombe Wanderers failed badly against Windsor and Eton at Elm Park, Reading, on Monday in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final.

After their fighting display on the Saturday it was hard to believe that it was the same Wycombe team bar one player. Once again, when confronted with a hard, determined and fighting team, they flopped.

Windsor fought every inch of the way. They harassed defenders, their wingers came back and challenged Worley and Horseman, and their defence covered expertly.

Their efforts, though often crude, hampered Wycombe to such an extent that they were able to put in only about half-a-dozen real shots.

Probably the crux of the Wycombe failure was the disappointing display of the half-back line. John Fisher was off form and this could not have helped Thomas or Gale, who could never open up their opponents' defence.

LIMITED

For once we saw the attack playing better than the defence, but with so limited opportunities they were unable to score.

Wingers Horseman and Worley tried all their tricks. Ashby plugged away persistently, Holmes jinked, side-stepped and passed delightfully. Only Bates, in the forward line, had a really poor game.

But despite their neat approach work the Wycombe line always made one pass too many in front of goal. And shooting was a non-existent.

WINDSOR LEAD

Windsor took a grip on the game right from the kick-off and after almost ten minutes of concerted pressure a ricochet off a defender gave left winger Bristow a chance which he gratefully accepted.

Still Wycombe played casually. Had Windsor accepted the chances given to them by the shaky defence they could have been four goals up at half-time.

Ken Brown saved some shots in the nick of time, Alistair Lewis headed out what looked a certain goal and many shots whistled past the woodwork.

Ten minutes before half-time the Wanderers did manage to come into it a little more, but shots were blocked before they were able to reach the Windsor goalkeeper.

Wycombe opened the second half more brightly, with Holmes, Horseman and Worley conspicuous, but they were easily repulsed.

And as the minutes ticked by, attacks became more and more desperate. Determined to hold out, Windsor resorted to some dubious tactics and Wycombe had repeated free-kicks. But the powerful Windsor defenders, often kicking high and hard for touch, again made them fruitless.

Then Bristow evaded a tackle by Fisher and prodded the ball between the post and Brown for his second goal, to seal the issue.

Wycombe were finished now—but not Windsor. They stormed back to the attack, and were still attacking when the final whistle went.